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Applicant: Joseph P. Kennedy et al. Examiner: Mullis, J.
Serial No: 09/732,967 Group Art Unit: 1711
Filed: December 8, 2000 Date: December 3, 2001
For: **"ADDITION OF UNSATURATED HYDROCARBONS TO POLY(VINYL CHLORIDE) AND FUNCTIONALIZATION THEREOF"**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

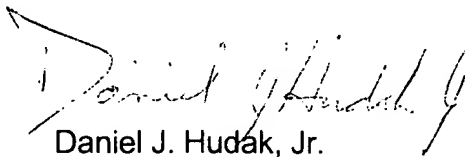
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of November 1, 2001, Applicant responds as follows:

Applicants hereby elect Group III, claims 12 – 16, drawn to a reaction product of PVC and diene compounds, classified in Class 525, subclass 313. Applicants hereby elect homopolymer PVC as a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits, with traverse. Currently claims 12-16 are readable upon the elected species out of the group chosen to be prosecuted under the Restriction Requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Sir:

The undersigned hereby certifies that the attached **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT** was mailed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, with sufficient first-class postage, no special handling, on December 3, 2001, before 5:00 PM, thereby ensuring that such document(s) will be in the hands of the U.S. Postal Service by the close of business this day. Thus, timely response has been made to the outstanding Office action prior to expiration of the shortened statutory period for the same ending **December 1, 2001**.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which might be required or credit any overpayment of fees with regard to the attached document(s) to Account No. **08-3150**.

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